

**Mount Vernon  
City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Hulst, Lindquist, Molenaar, Quam, Ragan, Fiedler and Hudson

Staff Present: Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Dodd, Finance Director Huschka, City Attorney Rogerson, Library Director Soneda, Public Works Assistant Director Love, Community Development Director Hyde, Fire Chief Hari, Public Works Director Bell

Citizens Present: 12

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of December 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the December 9, 2015 Regular Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.**

- B. Approval of December 16, 2015 Study Session Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the December 16, 2015 Study Session meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Approval of November 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the November 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ragan. Motion carried 7-0.**

- D. Approval of December 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the December 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Claims and Payroll**

- A. Approval of December 31, 2015 payroll checks numbered 105007-105063, direct deposit checks numbered 53985-54191, and wire transfers numbered 549-550 in the amount of \$1,079,974.42.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the December 31, 2015 payroll checks numbered 105007-105063, direct deposit checks numbered 53985-54191, and wire transfers numbered 549-550 in the amount of \$1,079,974.42. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

## **REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports:
  - Public Works – for details see Committee minutes.
- B. Community Comments:
  - Gary B resident of Monroe spoke in favor of the designation of the Skagit River as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank.
  - Nick Chambers resident of Tacoma spoke in favor of the designation of the Skagit River as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank.
  - Bill Reinard resident of Burlington spoke in opposition of the Skagit River as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank.
- C. Councilmember Comments:
  - Councilmember Ragan gave an update of the monthly Skagit County Law and Justice Council meeting.
- D. Mayor's Report
  - Updated Council and the public on Firework Legislation, HB 2348 and provided the public instructions on how to show their support for the Bill.
  - Announced that the 2016 Citizens Academy starts February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mayor Boudreau reviewed events during the Winter Wellness Week. It will take place January 24-30<sup>th</sup>. Details are listed on the website.
  - Mayors coffee hours were noted.
- E. Committee Agenda request:
  - None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. AWC Legislative Priorities: Mayor Boudreau continued discussion and finalized with City Council, the City's 2016 Legislative Priorities that will be presented during the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Action Days.

**Tabled final action on this item until January 20, 2016 Meeting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution- Oppose the Designation of the Skagit River as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank: Mayor Boudreau presented Council with a request to approve Resolution 902 opposing the designation of the Skagit River as a Wild Steelhead Gene Bank. Councilmember Molenaar addressed the Council and public regarding this topic and shared information.

**Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the accompanying Resolution 902. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.**

- B. Library Board of Trustees Appointment: Mr. Soneda presented Council with a request to approve the appointment of Margaret Redfern and Frank Repplier to the Library Board of Trustees.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to authorize the appointment of Margaret Redfern and Frank Repplier to the Library Board of**

**Trustees. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.**

- C. Library Update Presentation to Council: Mr. Soneda updated Council on recent and upcoming activities at the Library. He provided some 2015 statistics.
- D. Out of State Travel - Fire Department: Battalion Chief Brian Harris presented Council with a request to approve three Battalion Chiefs to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, at different times in February, April and September 2016 for the Blue Card train-the-trainer classes. The out of state travel request is in the 2016 Fire training and travel budget.

**Councilmember Fiedler moved to approve the out of state travel of three Battalion Chiefs. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.**

- E. Amend Chapter 10.20 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code - Parking Zones: Mr. Hyde presented Council with a request to approve amendments to Chapter 10.20 of the Municipal Code to allow three hour parking and to revise the parking fine schedule in the downtown area.

**Councilmember Ragan moved to approve the amendments to Chapter 10.20 of the Municipal Code - Parking Zones, Ordinance 3673. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

- F. Professional Services Agreement - Land Development & Surveying, Inc.: Ms. Chesterfield presented Council with a request to approve an agreement with Land Development & Surveying, Inc. to provide Engineering Plan Review and Inspection services.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the agreement with Land Development & Surveying, Inc. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.**

- G. Professional Services Agreement - Transportation Solutions, Inc.: Ms. Chesterfield presented a request to Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with Transportation Solutions, Inc. to provide traffic concurrency evaluations and other transportation services.

**Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with Transportation Solutions, Inc. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.**

- H. Bid Award - Influent Pumping Station Bar Screen Installation Project 15-19: Mr. Love presented a request to Council to award the bid for the Influent Pumping Station Bar Screen Installation Project 15-19 to Razz Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$384,632.50. The project includes the procurement, installation and integration of a bar screen in the Waste Water Treatment's Plant's influent pump station.

**Councilmember Fiedler moved to award the bid to Razz Construction, LLC. Motion seconded by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 7-0.**

- I. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit Conservation District: Mr. Chesterfield presented Council with a request to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Conservation District to continue an education and outreach program which is a requirement of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Mr. Chesterfield introduced Kristie Carpenter, the Public Information Coordinator with the Skagit Conservation District who gave a thorough presentation to the City Council on the District's activities.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Conservation District. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fiedler. Motion carried 7-0.**

- J. Purchase and Sale Agreement for Acquisition of Property: Mr. Rogerson presented Council with a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a purchase and sale agreement to acquire a fee simple interest of approximately 3.74 acres of property for Phase III of the Downtown Flood Protection Project.

**Councilmember Ragan moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lindquist. Motion carried 7-0.**

- K. Other: Mayor Boudreau requested that Council consider cancelling the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on January 27, 2016 due to the conflict with the AWC Conference in Olympia.

**Councilmember Lindquist moved to cancel the Regular Council Meeting on January 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.**

- L. Executive Session: Real Estate and Potential Litigation estimated to last 15 minutes  
The meeting was reconvened at 9:01 pm.  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Morgan Morrison, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

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Jill Boudreau, Mayor